



**Yukon Communicable Disease Control  
4 Hospital Rd, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3H8**

November 9, 2021

Dear Parents, guardians, students and staff,

This letter is to inform you that Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of a **positive case of COVID-19 at Elijah Smith Elementary School** affecting the:

- Grade 6/7 Split Class, on Friday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Students and staff connected to the above class have been identified as close contacts of COVID-19.** You or your child may receive multiple exposure notices for different events. If you have received advice to self-isolate and advice to self-monitor, then you should self-isolate. If you have received different dates for the duration of your self-isolation or self-monitoring, then use the latest date (longest duration).

A risk assessment has been completed by YCDC, in consultation with a Medical Officer of Health. After careful analysis, we recommend the following for students and staff connected to the above classes:

- If you are **not significantly immunosuppressed** due to illness or medication AND have received 2 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to October 22<sup>nd</sup>, **we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- If you are **significantly immunosuppressed** due to illness or medication AND have received 3 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to October 22<sup>nd</sup>, **we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- All others **not fully immunized** are recommended to self-isolate until November 15<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, and self-monitor for symptoms through November 19<sup>th</sup>.

It is very important that if **any** symptoms develop, no matter how mild, that you arrange for testing. Symptoms to self-monitor for include:

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| • <b>Fever</b>               | • <b>Sore throat</b>                     | • <b>Loss of appetite</b>    |
| • <b>Chills</b>              | • <b>Loss of sense of taste or smell</b> | • <b>Nausea and vomiting</b> |
| • <b>Cough</b>               | • <b>Headache</b>                        | • <b>Diarrhea</b>            |
| • <b>Shortness of breath</b> | • <b>Fatigue</b>                         | • <b>Muscle aches</b>        |
| • <b>Runny nose</b>          |  |                              |

Symptoms of COVID-19 may be mild or severe and often have a different presentation in persons who are very young or older persons. While most people will experience mild illness, older adults and people with pre-existing medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness.

If you develop **any** symptoms, no matter how mild, contact **the COVID Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse at 867-393-3083**. When calling CTAC, please mention that you are part of the Elijah Smith Elementary School notifications.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that is spread through droplets when a person coughs, speaks, or by touching surfaces contaminated by the virus with your hands and then touching your face before washing

your hands.

If you are eligible for COVID-19 immunization and not yet fully immunized, please book your immunization after your isolation period has ended. For general information on COVID-19 see [yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information](https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information)